

Lewis Tappan to

New York, May 1841.

Dr. Ben. Phelps,

35 May 18. 1841 We have had 4 excellent meetings

in this city of the Amistad Africans, & are to have a large meeting tomorrow evening in Rev. E. F. Hatfield's church. At these meetings about 3 hours ^{each} have been occupied to the delight of large audiences.

Dr. Nott told me he was exceedingly delighted. 16 of them are here, including Cingue & the 3 girls.

On Thursday May 10 to Philadelphia to remain a few days. On that evening there will be a meeting

in Dr. Mylius' ch. Dr. Nott wrote to Mr. Barnes advising having a meeting in his church. They will be back Monday so as to take the S. Boat that goes for Boston. There they can hold 2, 3 or 4 meetings. I have attended the meetings here & made an introductory address, but do not expect to go to Phila or Boston will you act on my behalf? Mr. Booth, their teacher, will accompany them.

Will you provide a place for them to board? The girls had best be in one house, & the men in another. Here, a white family (very respectable) boarded the men, and another the girls. They dress neatly & can all sleep on mattresses on the floor of one or two rooms. Perhaps Mr. Faller will aid you. If he can not save one or two persons can be employed to devote their whole time to the Amistads while they are in Boston.

*Believe me, etc., the Amistads
are ours & that works the best.*

L. T. T.

Professor Bush told me last evening that these meetings were the principal attraction during the anniversary week. I doubt not they will be very interesting to the good people of Boston.

Will you make arrangements for the meetings
at Marlboro Hotel without delay? At the first
meeting at the "Tabernacle" the tickets were 50
cts each. Since then they have been 25 cts.
You can judge what is best at Boston. We
admitted no one, not even clergymen, without
a ticket.

I authorize you to hire the place of meeting -
get the tickets printed, &c &c - at any expense -
so that no time be lost. We had 4000 small
hand bills printed & distributed, and a large
show bill put up in places of concourse. We
had also 2500 tickets printed - but away by half,
as most of the money was paid at the door.
It would be well to have tickets sold at 3 or 4
different places - and two persons to sell tickets
the day of exhibition - 2 hours before the time
at some distance from the door - then a good
man to receive the tickets at the door.

If you happen to be so very busy that you
cannot attend to this you must get one or more
suitable persons to do it. And the husband will pay
them if necessary. I shall see that you are well